



1998, 1999 and 2000 COLORADO  
ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE  
PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT  
(FY2000 UPDATE)

between

THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND  
ENVIRONMENT

and

THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION VIII

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## PPA Text relating to Environmental Justice

(Note: Text in capital letters was added for the year 2000 update)

Enhancing the environmental quality for everyone, regardless of race, income or culture, is a high priority for the EPA. The EPA Region VIII office is organized to address the area of Environmental Justice by examining its actions and assuring that every community is protected.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE (EJ) MEANS THE FAIR TREATMENT OF PEOPLE OF ALL RACES AND INCOME WITH RESPECT TO THE DEVELOPMENT, IMPLEMENTATION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS, REGULATIONS AND POLICIES. FAIR TREATMENT IMPLIES THAT NO GROUP OF PEOPLE SHOULD SHOULD A DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NEGATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS RESULTING FROM THE EXECUTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS.

### Anticipated Accomplishments:

- \* During FY97-98, the EPA will initiate a project in Colorado to incorporate community-based and pollution prevention concepts in an environmental justice effort. The EPA will work with the CDPHE, local health departments, community groups, chambers of commerce and other business groups to: 1) increase awareness of environmental issues in the area; 2) improve small businesses understanding of regulatory requirements; and, 3) provide compliance assistance through written guidance and a series of workshops that will incorporate pollution prevention techniques.
- \* During FY98, the EPA will provide a half-day training in environmental justice to the CDPHE. This training will help further understanding of environmental justice issues and how to address them.
- \* the EPA and the CDPHE will work to develop a strategy that identifies how environmental justice issues will be addressed and how to develop ways to incorporate environmental justice in program activities.
- \* The EPA will provide grants outreach and opportunities for state involvement in the various EJ grants programs. The EPA will keep the CDPHE informed of environmental justice grants, outreach activities and will notify the Office of the Executive Director at CDPHE in advance of such activities.
- \* The EPA will continue to work with the CDPHE on the Environmental Justice/Brownfields Project with Community Partners and Revitalization.

\* TO ENSURE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION, PROVIDE INPUT EARLY IN ENVIRONMENTAL DECISION-MAKING, AND ADDRESS ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CONCERNS, EPA WILL ENHANCE PARTNERSHIPS AND COORDINATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS, INCLUDING EFFECTED COMMUNITIES, FEDERAL, TRIBAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATION, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS, AND BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY.

\* EPA WILL WORK DIRECTLY WITH THESE STAKEHOLDERS TO ASSURE IMPLEMENTATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 12898, "FEDERAL ACTIONS TO ADDRESS ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN MINORITY POPULATIONS AND LOW-INCOME POPULATIONS."

\* EPA WILL PROVIDE ACCESS TO EPA REGION 8 GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM EJ TOOL. THIS SYSTEM PROVIDES DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION AND MAPPING CAPABILITIES.

\* EPA PLANS TO EVALUATE POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS ASSOCIATED WITH FACILITIES IN NORTH DENVER AND THE SURROUNDING AREA. THESE EVALUATIONS WILL INCLUDE INSPECTIONS, COMPLIANCE DETERMINATIONS, AND POTENTIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS.

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